

Overview and Key Elements for Community Advisory Group

Lower Passaic River Proposed Plan and Phase I EE/CA

June 15, 2009

Purpose

Create a CAG representing the full range of stakeholder perspectives who will be potentially affected by dredging operations in the Lower Passaic.

Key Inputs

The CAG would expect to provide input and recommendations on the following activities:

1. Logistics and community impacts of dredging operations
 - Timing
 - Noise
 - Light
 - Resuspension/loss of dredge materials during transport
2. Community and Worker health and safety issues
 - Comment on health and safety plans
 - Community specific issues and concerns
3. Operation, restoration, and reuse of the temporary treatment facility
4. Location and means of transport to final disposal facility
5. Ultimate restoration of the river and riverbank, water quality, wetlands, and wildlife
6. Ultimate restoration and reuse of the Tiera Solutions site
7. Ongoing public participation plans for future dredging and river restoration activities

Tentative Timing

June/July 2009

Assemble a steering committee to serve as a convening group and perform the following tasks with the support of Doug Sarno:

- Agree on the range of perspectives to be included and candidate stakeholders for each perspective
- Develop draft mission and charter for the board
- Assign convening responsibilities to each committee member
- Make contact with prospective CAG members

August 2009

- Extend formal invitations to CAG members and assemble board
- Plan for the initial meeting
- Develop draft workplan of activities

September 2009

- Kick-off meeting of CAG to formalize mission, charter, and go over workplan and meeting schedule

October 2009 – January 2010

- Relationship building
- Site background
- Progress to date

February 2010 – July 2010

- Dialogue and recommendations

September 2010

- Final report

Preliminary Stakeholder Perspectives to be Included

Community Groups

ICC

Terrell Homes - 2

Residents

Lenny Thomas – Long time river activist

Victor Monterossa – young, organizer, immigrant

Environmental Groups

NY/NJ Baykeeper

Hackensack Riverkeeper

Greater Newark Conservancy

Government

Newark – Chelsea Albucher, Sustainability Officer

Essex County Parks department

Harrison

Kearney

Labor

Christina Montorio, Healthy Port Coalition

Recreational Boating

Tom Pietryowoski, PR Boating club, Chair Watershed Management Group 4

TAG Recipient – Ella Filippone, Passaic River Coalition

Church – Immigrant

Sr. Rita Schneider, immigrant, religious

Business

Biofuels

Metals Management

Cultural – Arts

CHEN - Newark Museum